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Serial No. 09/916,305 : Group Art Unit 3723
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POLISHING METHOD USING AN
ABRADING PLATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9-41 and 48-53 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

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